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ABSTRACT

This annual monograph contains summaries of court decisions found in federal and regional reports during the period from July 1, 2001, to June 30, 2002. These cases provide a general overview of school law issues for practicing administrators, teachers, and school board members. This edition contains updates of cases previously decided, either at lower court levels or after remand from higher courts, making it possible to consult previous editions to track major school litigation to ascertain trends in the case law. The monograph is intended to provide a broad-scope treatment of case law involving issues in public schools. Cases were selected based on their relevance to current issues in the public-school setting, their definitiveness as articulations of law, and their dependability as consistent guides to policymaking and practice. Chapter titles are the same as in previous issues of the monograph: (1) "School Boards and Board Members"; (2) "Administrators"; (3) "Finance"; (4) "Teachers and Other District Employees"; (5) "Pupils"; (6) "Special Education"; and (7) "Religion." An explanation of reference notes, a glossary of selected legal terms, and a subject index are also included. (WFA)

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